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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:  
SHIMANO et al.

Serial No.: 10/023,230

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For: PORTABLE COMPUTER USABLE IN  
LAPTOP AND TABLET  
CONFIGURATIONS

Group No.: 2835

Examiner: LEA EDMONDS, L.S.

**TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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1. ☐ The information disclosure statement submitted herewith is being filed within three months of the filing date of the application or date of entry into the national stage of an international application or before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, whichever event occurs last. 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b).
2. ☒ The information disclosure statement transmitted herewith is being filed *after* three months of the filing date of this national application or the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in §1.491 in an international application or after the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, whichever event occurred last but *before* the mailing date of either:
  - (1) a final action under §1.113 or
  - (2) a notice of allowance under §1.311, whichever occurs first.

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- i. ☐ a certification (set forth below) in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e). (If for any reason the certificate set forth below should be unsatisfactory, the Commissioner is provisionally authorized to charge the \$240 fee (37 C.F.R. §1.17(p)) to Deposit Account No. 16-1805. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.)

**OR**

- ii. ☒ the attached fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) for submission of an information disclosure statement under §1.97(c). (\$180.00).

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A. In accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d):

- i. Set forth below is a certification as specified in 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e).
- ii. Applicant hereby petitions for the consideration of the accompanying information disclosure statement. 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d)(ii).
- iii. Applicant submits the petition fee set forth in §1.17(i)(1). (\$180.00).

**CERTIFICATION**

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Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: February 18, 2004

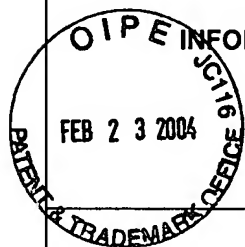
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